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STATEMENTS BY SWITZERLAND, HOLY AND UNESCO IN SSOD
GENERAL DEBATE

REF: A) STATE 101177, B) USUN 1536, C) USUN 1548

1. SUMMARY: PREPCOM DEFERRED DECISION UNTIL FRIDAY
MORNING APRIL 21 ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND THAT SWITZER-
LAND AND THE HOLY SEE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS
SSOD IN GENERAL DEBATE. IT ALSO DEFERRED DECISION ON
WHETHER TO INVITE DG OF UNESCO TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DE-
BATE. END SUMMARY

2. ON UNESCO QUESTION, CHAIRMAN (ORTIZ DE ROSAS) GAVE
UN LEGAL OFFICE OPINION THAT PRECEDENT HAD BEEN SET
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FOR EXECUTIVES OF AGENCIES IN UN SYSTEM TO SPEAK TO
UNGA IN THAT IAEA DG PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT EACH YEAR.
ONLY OTHER PRECEDENT IS THAT ON CERTAIN PROTOCOL
OCCASIONS ILO DIRECTOR HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK.
INDIA (VELLODI) ASKED WHETHER ANY UN BODY HAD IN PAST
BEEN TURNED DOWN IN A SPECIFIC REQUEST TO SPEAK TO UNGA.
CHAIR SAID UN LEGAL OFFICE OPINION DID NOT COVER THAT

POINT. AUSTRALIAN THEN SUGGESTED UNESCO BE INVITED TO "PARTICIPATE" IN SSOD, BUT NOT TO SPEAK TO GA IN GENERAL DEBATE. NIGERIA, WHICH MADE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL (SEE REFTEL C, PARA 5), SAID IT WISHED UNESCO BOTH TO SPEAK AND PARTICIPATE IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. BELGIUM RAISED ISSUE THAT SSOD COULD NOT DO FOR UNESCO WHAT IT WOULD NOT DO FOR STATES NON-MEMBERS OF UN (E.G., SWITZERLAND).

3. TURNING TO QUESTION OF SWITZERLAND AND HOLY SEE, CHAIR NOTED THAT TWO VIETNAMS HAD ADDRESSED UNGA 30TH SESSION, AND THAT DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD ADDRESSED UNGA, AS NON-MEMBER, AT 31ST SESSION. MEXICAN REP ARGUED THAT PRECEDENTS FOR OR AGAINST WERE IRRELEVANT, SINCE THIS WAS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. DECISION WAS THEN MADE TO DEFER DECISION ON RECOMMENDATION REGARDING BOTH UNESCO AND NON-MEMBERS UNTIL APRIL 21 MEETING, DURING MORNING.

4. USDEL POINTS OUT THAT IN ITS 100TH MEETING, ON DECMEBER 12, 1977, 32ND UNGA ADOPTED RESOLUTION 32/88B WHICH DECIDED, "THE FIRST COMMITTEE FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD DECIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY BE INVITED TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISARMAMENT."

5. HOLY SEE AND SWISS ASKED USREP (FISHER) TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO OPPOSE THEIR SPEAKING AT SSOD. REQUEST FOR INSTRUCION SUBMITTED SEPTTEL.

6. MOVING INTO INFORMAL SESSION, CHAIRMAN RAISED QUESTION OF STATUS OF INTRODUCTION TO FINAL DOCUMENT (REF C, PARA 7). FURTHER DEBATE, WITH US, UK AND USSR REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION ON TEXT, RESULTED IN CHAIRMAN WITHDRAWING HIS DRAFT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS DONE ONLY BECAUSE AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED AT THIS TIME, AND THAT ANY DELEGATION COULD REINTRODUCE TEXT, IN MODIFIED FORM IF NECESSARY, DURING SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF.

7. IN LAST HOUR OF MEETING, COMMITTEE COMPLETED FIRST READING OF DRAFT FINAL REPORT TO SSOD. REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED BY PREPCOM AT FRIDAY MORNING MEETING. YOUNG

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